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TAGS: FAO

SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATION WITH FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON  
DEVELOPMENT OF 1978-79 BUDGET

REF: ROME 2500

1. FAO PROTOCOL HAS NOTIFIED US THAT DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA  
WISHES TO TALK WITH THE GENEVA GROUP ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE 1978-79 BUDGET ON MARCH 8 OR MARCH 9, SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN  
FROM LEAVE IN LEBANON. HE WILL ALSO MEET SEPARATELY WITH GROUP-77  
AND WITH THE SOCIALIST BLOC.

2. LEFT OUT OF THESE THREE MEETINGS ARE THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES,  
WHICH PROTOCOL WISHES TO INCLUDE IN THE GENEVA GROUP MEETING:  
AUSTRIA, DENMARK, FINLAND, GREECE, IRELAND, ISRAEL, LUXEMBOURG,  
NORWAY, PORTUGAL, AND SPAIN.

3. WE HAVE TOLD FAO PROTOCOL THAT WE CANNOT GIVE A RESPONSE UNTIL  
THE UK CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA GROUP RETURNS FROM WEEK-END  
LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT FAO  
PROTOCOL CHECK WITH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL SINCE THIS IS A RESPONSE  
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TO A GENEVA GROUP REQUEST TO HIM.

4. SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON VIEWS, U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA GROUP  
INTENDS TO RECOMMEND TO U.K. CO-CHAIRMAN THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION  
TO INCLUSION OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES, MAKING THE POINT TO FAO THAT  
WE DO NOT OPERATE ON GROUP BASIS EXCEPT FOR DEFINED FUNCTIONS OF  
GENEVA GROUP AND THESE OTHERS ARE NOT MEMBERS OF GENEVA GROUP

AND WILL NOT BE INCLUDED AS MEMBERS IN GENEVA GROUP DISCUSSIONS,  
BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ASKING ANY  
OTHER COUNTRIES HE WISHES TO MEET WITH HIM AT THE SAME TIME WE  
DO.BEAUDRY

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